

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, administered by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), the Summer Food Service Program provides free nutritious meals in eligible locations to children aged 18 or younger; and

WHEREAS, as partners of the SCDE, non-profit organizations, school districts, and government serve as program sponsors in their local areas to help ensure our youth have access to meals that meet established guidelines in safe, supervised, and eligible sites; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, over 4.3 million meals were served at approximately 2,200 sites participating in the Summer Food Service Program and related Seamless Summer Option, operated by local education agencies with SCDE approval; and

WHEREAS, the SCDE continues to work to increase the number of sponsors and meal sites in an effort to reach more children and youth and help them stay healthy and ready to learn for the next school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 11 - 17, 2017, as

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the importance of healthy eating and availability of nutritious summer meals for our young people.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster", written in a cursive style.

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA